



COVID-19 Government Benefit Programs

Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)

Originally established as a loan of up to \$40,000 for small businesses or not-for-profits. If repaid before December 31, 2022 up to 25% (\$10,000) was to be forgiven with no interest to be charged.

Effective October 9, 2020 the government increased the eligible loan amount from \$40,000 to \$60,000 for qualifying businesses. Half of the additional loan amount will be forgiven if repaid by December 31, 2022 meaning that for businesses who qualify and receive the full \$60,000 loan advance (consisting of 2 separate advances of \$40,000 and \$20,000), \$20,000 in total will be forgiven providing that the balance of the loan, \$40,000, is repaid by December 31, 2022. There continues to be no interest if the balance is fully repaid by December 31, 2022.

Please note that to qualify for the additional \$20,000 advance banks will require an applicant to attest that they have had a revenue loss due to COVID-19.

Additional information can be found on CRA's website <https://ceba-cuec.ca/> or from your financial institution. **Deadline to apply is December 31, 2020**

10% Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers (TWS)

This subsidy is available to most businesses, not-for-profits or charities who had a CRA payroll account as of March 18, 2020. It reimburses employers for 10% of remuneration paid from March 18 – June 19, 2020. Up to \$1,375 per eligible employee can be claimed to a maximum of \$25,000 per eligible employer.

Form PD27 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy Self – Identification form for Employers must be submitted to CRA by the time you file your T4s to avoid a discrepancy notice at the end of the year. The form can be submitted online using My Business Account, by mail or fax. Additional information can be found on CRA's website at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/temporary-wage-subsidy.html> or by contacting our office.

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

If you are a Canadian employer who has experienced a drop in revenue due to COVID-19 from March 15, 2020 – June 2021 you may be eligible for the CEWS. The subsidy is available to most

businesses, not-for-profits and charities excluding public institutions who had a CRA payroll account on March 15, 2020 and experienced a drop in revenue.

The CEWS will reimburse eligible employers for up to 75% of eligible remuneration paid from March 15 – August 29, 2020. From August 30 – December 19, 2020 the amount of subsidy available will be up to 65%. The amount of subsidy available from January 2021 – June 2021 is still to be determined. **Currently the deadline to apply for the CEWS for periods ending in 2020 is January 31, 2021.**

The eligible time is broken into claim periods of 27 days each. The required revenue drop per period in order to be eligible for CEWS is listed below.

Period 1 (Mar 15 – Apr 11) = 15%

Period 2 - 4 (Apr 12 – July 4) = 30%

Period 5 and forward (July 5 – June 2021) = **any decrease in revenue, no minimum required**

In order to calculate how much your revenue has decreased you may compare to the same month from the prior year or to your average of January – February 2020 revenue. If you choose to compare to the prior year then the month to use is the full month that ends in the period you are doing the calculation for. For example, to determine a drop for Period 1 using the prior year comparison method, revenue from March 1 – 31, 2020 should be compared to revenue from March 1 - 31, 2019.

If you do not meet the decrease in revenue required for one of the periods there are additional ways to qualify based on previous months decreases.

Additional information can be found on CRAs website at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html> or by contacting our office.

Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)

This program was announced October 9th and replaces the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program.

The CERS is available to eligible businesses for fixed property expenses including rent and interest on commercial mortgages and is paid directly to the tenants instead of requiring the landlord to apply. **Please note that no landlord involvement is required to receive this funding.**

Applications can be made retroactively starting September 27th, 2020 with the program extending to June 2021. Until December 19, 2020 up to 65% of eligible expenses will be reimbursed with an additional 25% available if a business is required to close by mandatory public health orders issued by a qualifying public health authority. The program will be adapted in December for 2021. Support may increase or decrease depending on conditions improving or worsening.

More details on the application process are expected from the Canada Revenue Agency in the coming weeks.

Canada United Small Business Relief Fund

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to thousands of small businesses to cover expenses related to personal protective equipment (PPE), renovations to accommodate re-opening guidelines and developing or improving website and e-commerce capabilities.

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